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# PORTLAND LUMBER VOTES CIO

## LEWIS CALLS FOR LAWS TO AID JOBLESS

Outlines Campaign Against  
Layoffs as Wage-Hour  
Bill Is Revised

WASHINGTON—The House Labor Committee, 9 to 6, adopted an amendment to the Wage-Hour bill providing for a single administrator under the Labor Department who would in turn appoint labor-employer committees roughly similar to the code authorities under the NRA.

WASHINGTON—With debate and delay harassing labor legislation before congress, Chairman John L. Lewis of the Committee for Industrial Organization issued a call for a nationwide campaign both on the legislative and economic field to cope with layoffs and unemployment.

Chairman Lewis' announcement, in line with the legislative program formulated by the CIO in Atlantic City and with economic and political developments since then, came on the eve of the House Labor Committee's announcement of its complete re-writing of the Wages and Hours Bill.

As now being considered in the Labor Committee, the Wage-Hour bill would be placed directly under a single administrator attached to the Labor Department instead of a five-man semi-autonomous board as provided by the Black-Connery measure passed by the Senate.

Aside from the delay which any extensive revision would cause in the enactment of the bill, the revisions entail a decentralization of administration which reactionary forces evidently hope would increase labor's difficulty in securing benefit from the measure.

### Limited Scope

The administrator would appoint wage-hour committees for only such industries where wages and hours are not up to the 40 cents per hour, forty-hour week minimum.

Committees thus appointed would be composed of an equal number of persons representing the employers and the employees. They would be empowered to hold hearings and make recommendations to the administrator, who in turn would issue orders placing the recommendations into effect. He could not, however, issue orders without the recommendation of the board, nor make any changes in the recommendations. He would be able to dissolve the board and appoint a new one.

Lewis' appeal, coupled with the increased political activity of labor throughout the nation, was regarded as highly significant.

Aside from its call to all CIO unions, councils and organizers to take up the fight for unemployed members, the appeal called for a concerted campaign to force the enactment of a constructive legislative program which will cope with the unemployment problem.

Measures already recommended by the CIO at its Atlantic City conference, brought into new prominence by the Lewis statement, include passage of the Wage-Hour bill, a large-scale housing program, more federal funds for WPA and PWA "so that every worker may be assured of a job if he wants one" and amendments to the Social Security Act to include and cover the large numbers of workers now left out in the cold.

"It becomes the duty of American labor," said Lewis in the ringing statement, "to face with courage and realism the fact that America is threatened today with unemployment more bitter than ever before in our history."

### The Right to Work

Lewis declared that "A citizen of the United States has a right to live. He has the right to work."

"If the corporations which control American industry in their management of industry's affairs fail to provide that work then there must be some power somewhere that will go over and above and beyond these corporations and their inadequate policies and insure the workers the right to live."

## Discussing the USSR's New Election Laws



HOUSE committee members and active house tenants in the Tartar Autonomous Soviet Republic are shown discussing the new election laws in preparation for the December 12 elections. This is one of innumerable such scenes throughout the entire Soviet Union.

## Mortimer Predicts U. S. Labor Unity

Auto Union Leader Hits AFL Proposals  
As Asking Tail to Wag the Dog

By JOHN BROMAN

SAN FRANCISCO—Eventually the American Federation of Labor will be compelled to accept the unity proposals of the Committee for Industrial Organization, which would guarantee recognition of the present 32 CIO international unions, declared Wyndham Mortimer, first vice president of the United Auto Workers of America, in an interview last Thursday.

"When the AFL leaders asked the CIO to submit, in effect, in their proposals, they're asking the tail to wag the dog," said Mortimer.

**Unity Will Be Achieved**

"The CIO is bigger; than the AFL. If the CIO went back on its own terms, it would dominate the AFL. For Green and the AFL top leaders, that would mean suicide for their jobs, but eventually the CIO demands are going to be accepted."

Asked as to the chances of the CIO accepting the AFL proposals, Mortimer remarked: "I don't know how you're going to get a chicken back in the egg."

The veteran union leader flatly told AFL President Green's recent declaration that the AFL would "arm its forces" and turn them against the CIO.

### Green Is Desperate

"That sort of talk only shows his desperation at the situation," he said. "I know that workers in the AFL would not condone any such procedure as that."

"I think the CIO is simply an expression of an economic need of the American working people. Anyone who stands in the road of progress is going to get run over eventually."

Mortimer revealed that two-thirds of the nation's auto workers have not yet returned to their jobs, after being laid off to await production of new models which is now well underway. Chrysler has laid off 100,000.

"I don't know exactly how many are unemployed," he said, "but in Detroit, the U. S. unemployed census showed 125,000 without jobs of any kind."

"We have a program to fight layoffs. First of all we are demanding adequate relief and increased WPA jobs. So far by our pressure on Governor Murphy, along with the Workers' Alliance, we have secured 8,000 more WPA jobs in Michigan. We are also asking that the working hours in the auto industry be cut to 24 per week, in order to take care of the unemployed auto workers."

**Ask Probe of Labor Spies**

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## Dirty Dozen Lose Action

Pedro Stevedores Free to  
Put ILA Local in CIO

LOS ANGELES—The "dirty dozen" stevedores stooges of the American Federation of Labor officialdom went down to defeat in their attempt to prevent the longshoremen from affiliating with the CIO, when Superior Judge Ruben S. Schmidt ruled last Wednesday against their demand for a receivership for the old ILA 38-82.

The decision refused to remove present directors of ILA 38-82, which was incorporated at the instigation of the discredited ex-officials, A. H. Peterson and Elmer Bruce, and also denied attorney's fees to Aaron Sapiro, lawyer for the "dirty dozen."

**Free to Go Ahead**

Although leaving the restraining order against CIO affiliation in effect, Judge Schmidt ruled that the ILA is free to go ahead and amend the articles of incorporation to permit affiliation to the CIO.

Judge Schmidt's decision is a complete victory for us," declared John Packard, attorney for the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union.

"We can now go ahead and do what we want to. We will immediately file amendments to the articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State."

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George Kidwell, secretary of the Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union of San Francisco, was selected to deliver the keynote address.

Other speakers, expected to be heard on the first day of the convention, will be State Senator Culbert L. Olson, Sheriff Dan Murphy of San Francisco, Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson and, probably, George Creel.

A. F. Gaynor, official of the

## Lundeberg Is a 'Stool,' Says Weekly

Newsweek Magazine of December 6, charges Harry Lundeberg is a stool pigeon.

"The Department of Labor," says the story, "is investigating charges that Harry Bridges, head of the CIO's Pacific Coast maritime union, is an alien and a Communist, but the inquiry probably won't go far. (Similar past charges were never substantiated.) It's not generally known, but Bridges' former colleague, Harry Lundeberg — head of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, which leans toward the AFL — instigated the present investigation, and much of the evidence is coming from Bridges' former secretary, who is now working with Lundeberg."

Lundeberg, who has just been shouting that he would slap a libel suit on Bridges for a newspaper statement Bridges never made, now has a real chance to sue for libel — if he wants to.

**WORKER INVENTORS**

LENINGRAD—Eight hundred thousand rubles saving in 1937 resulted from inventions and rationalization proposals made by the workers of a Leningrad leather factory. Altogether the workers made 271 proposals, of which 178 have been carried out. The authors of inventions and rationalization proposals receive bonuses.

**CHINESE RALLY FOR  
NANKING STAND**

SHANGHAI—Two hundred thousand Chinese soldiers, many of them with little more than hands to fight with, were reported massed in defense formations in and around the walled city of Nanking as the Japanese army launched a mass offensive Friday at noon.

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**RECRUITING SCABS**

W. F. Drury, financial secretary of Carpenters Local 36, suddenly became interested in auto workers. G. A. Fowler, a business agent of Laborers Local 304 and right-hand assistant to Wm. Tyrell, notorious "goon squad" organizer, also had a brain storm and decided that laborers should be auto workers.

Tyrell himself, fresh from union-busting tours in Contra Costa County, announced in effect, to the Laborers' Union membership, that the Ford plant would use laborers in

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## 100 MILLION USSR CITIZENS CAST BALLOTS

"New" People Named as  
Candidates to Head  
Government

MOSCOW—Approximately 100,000,000 persons, virtually the entire population of the Soviet Union over the age of 18, were to go to the polls December 12 to vote in the first election under the new Constitution.

Elaborate preparations had been made to bring out the total vote, with election booths be-

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** For lat-  
est developments of Soviet  
elections, see page 3.

ing installed even on Soviet ships at sea and everywhere Soviet citizens might be.

During the entire period of nominations, the Soviet press made it clear that candidates for office should be the "best people" in the Soviet Union, that is, the ablest and most devoted persons from every walk of life and sphere of activity.

**NEW PEOPLE NAMED**

Accordingly, the list of nominees includes workers from field, factory, office and studio whose work among their fellows was the criterion of choice. Though some of the nominees are former government officials, by far the majority of candidates are "new people" pushed forward by their fellow workers.

Congestion at the polls seemed to be the most difficult problem, as pre-election rallies throughout the entire country indicated a practically 100 per cent response on election day.

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**Vandeleur Involved**

Also involved is Edward D. Vandeleur, State AFL secretary, who recently promised Ford jobs to members of his AFL-charter-

**Auto Union Chief  
Praises 'Western'**

OAKLAND—"The Western Worker deserves praise for its expose of scab-herding by certain AFL officials," declared Frank Slaby, Auto Workers Local 76 official. "The expose serves the cause of the unions."

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Leading the fight against the ordinance were J. W. Buzzell, AFL Central Labor Council secretary; George Roberts, CIO Industrial Council president; Al Wirin, CIO attorney, and C. H. Jordan, Industrial Council secretary.

**May Have Joint Protest**

The ordinance adopted was branded as especially vicious. It prohibits all "loitering" and picketing for the purpose of influencing or inducing anyone not to buy merchandise or even to ask anyone not to work or seek work in any business establishment.

**After the meeting, Buzzell is said to have discussed the possibility of a joint CIO-AFL mass picketing demonstration to test the doubtful constitutionality of the ordinance.**

Later, when the Labor Board offered to conduct a poll, it was rebuffed by the AFL czars.

Then Gov. Martin, reactionary Democrat, stepped in and began to conduct an independent poll.

The first results were those registered at the Inman-Poulsen mill, and is indicative of the sentiment in other mills where the workers' loyalty to the CIO remained unswayed despite the "goon squad" terror of the AFL czars.

**Attack on Free Speech**

"It prohibits free speech. It forbids striking workers from explaining to citizens of the community why they are on strike. This ordinance adds nothing to the statutes already enacted, except that it prevents peaceful picketing when a strike is in progress," he declared.

Said Buzzell: "You know the possession of the right to strike is the difference between a free man and a slave. The Supreme Court of this state and the United States Supreme Court has ruled picketing to be legal."

"The only thing this ordinance is intended to do is to make an act, that is otherwise legal under (Continued on Page 6, Col. 2)

## Building Trades Czars Recruiting Finks for Ford

OAKLAND AFL Chiefs Aid Flivver King in  
Effort to Smash Union in Closed  
Richmond Plant

By BUD EDWARDS

OAKLAND—American Federation of Labor "czars" are recruiting scabs for Henry Ford, the most notorious open-shopper and pro-fascist in America!

Here in the East Bay, certain officials of building trades unions are actively engaged in trying to round up enough

strikebreakers so that the Richmond assembly plant of the Ford Motor Co. can resume production, leaving the CIO United Auto Workers members permanently locked out.

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**AFL, CIO JOIN  
IN FIGHT ON  
PICKET LAW**

Hit Huntington Park Ban;  
Kill Open-Shop Move in  
L. A. City Council

HUNTINGTON PARK, Los Angeles County—The forces of organized labor, both AFL and CIO, turned out over 400 strong in opposition to an anti-picketing ordinance which was recklessly adopted by a vote of 4 to 1 by the City Council in session at City Hall here the evening of December 6.

# MARKET ST. RAILWAY IS DENIED GRAB

Supervisors in About Face  
Reject Funds to Pay  
for Relocation

SAN FRANCISCO — After a right about face a week earlier the San Francisco board of supervisors on December 7 returned to its original position which in effect will exclude the Market Street Railway Company from operating on 20th Avenue.

The motion of Supervisor Adolph Uhl to order the private company to cease operation over the 20th Avenue tracks by January 1, however, was referred to committee.

The board rescinded its action to expend \$4517 out of gas tax funds for relocation of the city-owned tracks in the block between Wawona Street and Sloat Boulevard. On expiration of the franchise in 1932 the tracks reverted to the city, but are still used by the Market Street Company.

**On Bridge Approach**  
Widening of 20th Avenue as an approach to the Golden Gate Bridge precipitated the current dispute, which will cut off the No. 17 car line's connection with the No. 12 line on Sloat Boulevard.

The latest action was hailed by Supervisor Uhl as a step toward his plan for a city-wide municipal bus system, since he is urging that the Public Utilities Commission, through the Municipal Railway, institute bus service over 20th Avenue from Sloat Boulevard to Lincoln Way. If this is done, over the opposition of Utilities Manager E. G. Cahill, the new bus line would parallel the remaining part of the No. 17 line which runs from Lincoln Way to Wawona Street on 19th Avenue.

**Police Service Hit**  
Neighborhood organizations had representatives present supporting Uhl's insistence on refusing to grant the funds to the Market Street Company, upholding his plan for a city-owned bus system and vigorously criticizing the existing service of the 17 car line.

Cahill, vigorous opponent of busses, claimed that the proposed new line would require an initial outlay of \$50,000 and would lose \$25,000 annually.

Supervisor James B. McSheehy, after an absence from the city, revealed himself a supporter of the city-wide bus plan. He opposed the recently proposed subway bonds on the basis of its finance plan.

The board received the proposed new water rate schedule of the Public Utilities Commission, holding it over for study. Already the schedule is under fire of Supervisor Uhl for its failure to lower rates of small users, although it grants substantial reductions to commercial concerns which use more than 300,000 cubic feet monthly.

The board obligingly rezoned a section at Grove, Fulton and Buchanan Streets in order to permit the Acme Brewing Company to enlarge its plant.

It authorized the expenditure of nearly \$40,000 to the Coast Bay Company and the Wells-Fargo Bank & Union Trust Company for new land to the play field at Fleishhacker Park.

**Want to Get Out  
Of Jail? Cash On  
The Barrel Head!**

LOS ANGELES — Not how good your record is but how much money you have in your pocket (or envelope) was the first consideration of Probation Officer William Ogilby in judging eligibility of prospective probationers. This was revealed by testimony presented in Superior Judge Scott's court, where Ogilby and Attorney Arthur Speight are facing a charge of conspiring to accept \$750 for making a favorable report on a man seeking probation.

Obviously Ogilby is in the bad graces of the District Attorney's office. He and Speight were trapped in a downtown cafe by D. A. investigators after Ogilby is said to have accepted an envelope containing marked money from Glen Atterbury, oil company executive. Atterbury is believed to have acted not only as intermediary between the probation officer and the man seeking clemency, but as agent for fits as well.

**Gallagher to Talk  
At ILD Benefit**

LOS ANGELES — A Christmas celebration in honor of Leo Gallagher, internationally famous labor attorney, will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, December 22 at Trinity Auditorium.

Mr. Gallagher, recently returned from Spain, will be the principal speaker. The program will include a variety of entertainment featuring the Freiheit Mandolin Club, the Freiheit Gesangs Verein and Spanish Dancers.

The celebration is a part of the twelfth annual Christmas Drive sponsored by the International Labor Defense to provide Christmas comforts for labor's prisoners and relief for their families.

# Warren, 'Vice Enemy' Protects Politician From Criminal Charge

Republican WPA Supervisor Charged By  
Four Women With Criminal Assault;  
Officials Keep Silent

SAN LEANDRO—District Attorney Earl Warren, Republican politician, has refused to prosecute a prominent Republican here despite the fact that four separate women have charged him with criminal assault.

The politician is John E. Gallagher, supervisor of WPA recreation projects here and prominently identified with the state Republican machine.

The district attorney's refusal to prosecute in the face of the testimony of the four accusers and numerous corroborating witnesses comes after his office had engineered a few raids on "vice dens" and had secured wide publicity in the arch-Tory Oakland Tribune on its campaign to "rid the county of vice."

Mrs. Dottie Jones, young mother of two children, fought the asserted degeneracy in the basement of the old San Leandro library on Estudillo Street on September 17. Moreover Gallagher has a long police record.

One witness credits Gallagher with saying "Any woman who works for me has to . . . (sleep with) me." A woman accused him of making overtures saying ". . . you can have anything you want if you give in to me."

All this was made known to Warren's office prior to his refusal to issue a warrant.

## 3 More Accuse

As an aftermath of this assault, three other women made charges against Gallagher. Mrs. C. Holmes, mother of three children and former handicraft specialist under Gallagher, accused him of making a similar attack on her a year ago. The other two women are Mrs. Elena Moller, mother of two, former city playground director who was since replaced, and a nurse now reported to be working in Highland Hospital.

After a delay, Warren's office in San Leandro refused to issue a warrant, giving "insufficient evidence" as the reason.

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# Spain Republic Leaders in Session



FACES THAT GO with several big names in the news are included in this picture snapped at a session of Spain's Congress called the Cortes—at Valencia. Sitting on the left nearest the speaker's stand is Defense Minister Indalecio Prieto; standing next to him is Premier Juan Negrin. The chairman is Martinez Barrio.

# Negro Labor Moves To Smash Vice Ring

**Pay-offs to Sweetnam Clique Shrink As  
People's Resentment Grows**

LOS ANGELES—New forces are being enlisted this week in the struggle of Negro people in the Central avenue area to wipe out the sore of graft and corruption festering under the political machine dominated by Lieut. Sidney Sweetnam.

Growing concern over the situation brought to light by

# Cop Admits Boy Not Hurt Before Arrest

LOS ANGELES—Trial on drunk charges of Harry Mahoney, 29 year old victim of Lincoln Heights jail police brutality, began last Friday in Municipal Judge Newell Carns' court.

The result has been that revenue has decreased to such an extent that the vice interests are now seeking to add funds to their dwindling coffers by giving a series of parties and carnivals. With customary boldness, tickets carry the information that the affairs are given under the auspices of police.

Feeling against the ruthless demands of the pay-off system has become so intense among the district's prostitutes, the number of which fluctuates between 300 and 400, that many of them have expressed a willingness to testify before the Grand Jury

From the beginning, the case teetered on the edge of a volcano as defense attorney Al Wirin made repeated attempts to evade a ruling of Judge Carns that jurors must hear nothing of the police attack upon the defendant.

Mahoney, arrested last October 13, received an 8-inch frontal

skull fracture, numerous cuts and bruises, a concussion of the brain, while imprisoned in notorious Lincoln Heights Jail.

First witnesses to testify were H. L. Olewine and J. L. Dundas, patrol officers who arrested Mahoney.

Under cross examination by Wirin, Olewine admitted that Mahoney at the time of his arrest was uninjured except for a small scratch on his nose.

Following young Mahoney's transfer from the Lincoln Heights' jail to the Queen of the Angels' hospital, where it was discovered that he was suffering from a fractured skull, had concussion of the brain, could remember nothing for two months previous to the beating.

Later, a fellow-cellmate, Arthur Sweetman, Jr., publicly announced that he had seen Lincoln Heights' jail officers mercilessly beat young Mahoney in the face, over the feet with large keys, kick him in the ribs and in the back.

Mahoney's trial in Judge Carns' court will continue Monday.

**Health Report**

GEORGIA—One thousand two hundred patients are treated at the new health resort in the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi, which was built as a present for the working people on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the October Revolution. The resort has a well-equipped bath house with 61 baths and two pools with a constant supply of sulphur-bearing water from the hot springs.

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# Indifference of WPA Kills Child Along Ballona Creek Project

Deep Concrete Channel Unfenced Along  
Residence Area; Children Are Drowned  
In Unguarded Pool

By EMIL FREED

LOS ANGELES—Murder is not too frank a word for the negligence and indifference of WPA officials which cost the lives of two eight-year-old youngsters on Thanksgiving Day in the Ballona Creek Project of WPA near Culver City.

# Chinese Speed Work Of Resisting Japan; Capture Two Towns

Broad Organization Formed to Draw All Strata of Chinese People Into Struggle Against Invaders

HANKOW—A new broad organization to consolidate mass popular resistance to the Japanese imperialist invaders has been formed here by representatives of various groups under the name of the All-China League for Resistance to the Enemy, it was announced today.

## War Lord



Gen. Li Tsung-jen, Kwangsi province leader, who has offered the government 3,000,000 men from South China, including 200,000 now under arms. Gen. Li revolted against the central government last year, demanding a stronger policy against Japan.

## Thousands of Catholics in Nazi Prisons

Anti-Fascist Parades Protest Arrests of 8,000 Churchmen

BERLIN—Eight thousand or exactly half of the Catholic monks and lay brothers in Germany have been charged with committing various crimes since the National Socialist regime came into power. Hanns Kerr, Minister for Church Affairs, revealed in a recent speech.

At the same time considerable excitement was caused by an illegal radio broadcast of parts of French Communist Secretary Thorez's appeal to Catholics for anti-fascist unity.

The charges against the clergy cover considerable territory. They vary from accusation of immorality to charges of failure to fly the swastika flag on national holidays, from sedition to collecting funds without government permission.

More than a thousand of these clergymen accused of "immorality" are still imprisoned. The speaker did not reveal how many of the remaining 6,500, charged with other crimes, were still in prison.

### Hitler and God

The Minister said further that only Hitler is responsible to God for the German people and not the Bishops and that the true essence of religion was "unity of the German nation taking precedence over all other considerations."

Previous to the speech all the Catholic Youth Associations in

## Haitian Strikes Blast President for Inaction

PORTE-AU-PRINCE—President Stenio Vincent's "passive attitude" toward the recent mass slaying of Haitians in the Dominican Republic may result in his ouster. Serious unrest among the Haitians has been marked with strikes and demonstrations in protest toward the president's lack of action.

Student and transport worker strikes are extending in Cape Haitian and Port-au-Prince, Haitian capital, with government workers in the latter city joining in the demonstrations.

The Haitian president was charged with adopting a passive attitude toward the controversy which, Haitian officials stated, was provoked when Dominican police and soldiers "slaughtered from 3,000 to 5,000" Haitian civilians residing in the neighboring republic.

The situation is so serious that the Haitian congress is in permanent session to deal with the matter. Tension has been at a peak between the two small countries, which share the Caribbean Island of Hispaniola, since the massacre early in October.

# Tremendous Vote Predicted For Soviet Union Elections

Socialist Democracy Completely Baffles Bourgeois Correspondents to Capitalist Dailies of the United States

By CLINT DUFF

Sunday, December 12th, will be no dull day in the life of Ivan Ivanovich and the millions of his fellow Soviet citizens. For that is the date set for electing 569 delegates to the Council of the Union and 574 delegates to the Council of Nationalities which together make up the supreme governing power of the huge USSR.

It is expected that the new organization will be joined by many other local groups throughout China formed since the beginning of the national liberation war with similar objectives.

The basic principle of the organization has been outlined as the speeding up of political reforms towards democracy during war time and the mobilization of the masses.

A committee was chosen to draft a program around three principles unanimously adopted by the conference. They are war until the end against the Japanese aggressor organization of the masses, and the establishment during the period of the war of national liberation of a healthy political organization to unite all the forces of the country.

### CHINESE SILENT ON TALK WITH NAZI

HANKOW—No official statements by the Chinese government have as yet been forthcoming on the conference between German Ambassador Oskar P. Trautmann and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Nanking, during which the Nazi envoy proposed that China "end the war" by joining the Rome-Berlin-Tokio "anti-Comintern pact" and agreeing to "concessions for a peaceful settlement of the conflict."

Trautmann told the head of the Nanking Government, who heads the all-China anti-Japanese united front, that if these conditions should be accepted, "Japan will evacuate her troops from China."

### CHINESE TROOPS CAPTURE TOWNS

SHANGHAI—Chinese troops from the far Northwestern province of Szechuan waged a successful counter-offensive in the border region between Anhwei and Chekiang provinces that drove the Japanese out of Szean and Wangtien. Friday night, it was learned here today.

The Szechuanese captured two pieces of field artillery and a huge supply of other war materials in Szean.

Heavy fighting is taking place along the Shanghai-Nanking railway near Linkow, southeast of Tanyang. The main forces of the Chinese troops defending a new line are entrenched in a new line extending from Chinkiang, downstream from Nanking along the Largte river, through Tanyang station to Tsingtang.

the Dioceses of Limburg and Frankfort were suppressed by the secret political police.

### Anti-fascist Demonstrations

The last Catholic feasts and processions at Aix-la-Chapelle in Upper Silesia were in fact militant anti-fascist manifestations on a scale never before seen in Nazi Germany. More than 140,000 people marched to Annaberg in Upper Silesia a few weeks ago.

Reports tell of mass demonstrations against the Fascist persecution of the Catholics—demonstrations held in the guise of Catholic feast processions.

An attempt was made by the Nazis to break up the procession but failed.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For explanation of Soviet election system, see page 4.

written an observer as Harold Denny, Moscow correspondent for the New York Times, notices that things are proceeding "as vigorously as did the Roosevelt-Landon campaign."

So far, it is anyone's guess as to how many citizens will turn out for the elections, but it is safe to say that the number will be bigger than the some 40,000,000 votes cast in the 1936 elections of the United States. This statement is safe to make, not because the population of the Soviet Union is 50 million more than that of the U. S. but because practically everyone in the Soviet Union who has reached his eighteenth birthday has the right to vote.

### U. S. Election Bars

On the other hand, an inhabitant of California can vote only if he is twenty-one years old. If he has lived in practically the same spot for three months and in the state for one year, if he can read the Constitution intelligently in English, if he can write his name, if he has not committed a major crime, or if he has come into the country, waited seven years and paid \$20 in naturalization fees. And these Californian regulations are considered quite liberal as compared to those of the deep South.

It is probable, furthermore, that the percentage of those voting who are entitled to vote will be higher in the Soviet Union than that of our big campaign of '36. This is because of the tremendous interest aroused by the election for months preceding, with millions of publications, thousands upon thousands of rallies and meetings, radio broadcasts, discussing men and issues.

Who issued this great wealth of publicity material which has impressed the capitalist press throughout the world? The organizations of Soviet citizens proposing the various candidates (trade unions, cultural groups, etc.) were responsible for much of it. The Soviet Government was responsible for the rest, taking a direct and practical interest in seeing that the people understood their electoral apparatus perfectly.

### Bourgeois "Democracy"

What a far cry this is from the so-called preparations for American elections. In this country the boss-owned press, radio and halls throttle the real voice of the people. The bourgeois of the U. S. can never explain away the fact that while more than two-thirds of the press was for Landon, more than two-thirds of the people were for Roosevelt in 1936.

### In bourgeois countries."

President Kalinin of the USSR stated recently, "election campaigns take much less than ours is taking. When the ruling classes of capitalist countries carry out an election campaign, their only purpose is to get a majority and gain seats in Congress. The bourgeois parties do not care what trickery they use. Their only purpose is to overwhelm the working people and win the elections."

It might also be added parenthetically that the bourgeois candidates of this capitalist country consider the expenses of such trickery no object. Edward Thompson, publicity agent of the now District Attorney of Los Angeles, Buron Fitts, currently revealed that Mr. Fitts bought his position to the tune of \$400,000 (Fitts told election officials he spent \$25,188).

### The Best Man?

Directly stemming from this very thorough preparation for

the Soviet December 12th elections, comes the situation which plagues Moscow correspondents of foreign bourgeois journals, the most. In quite a number of election districts, candidates and electors have gotten together during the long discussion period and solved the knotty question of "Who is the best man?" The result of this process is that all but the best man withdraw their candidacy, leaving but one nomination standing.

To Mr. Denny and his ilk this represents a tremendous breach of democracy. Although they can easily forget that thousands upon thousands of Americans are robbed of their votes because of their color, birthplace or poverty, these small-minded gentlemen become simply aghast at this "lack of competition" in Soviet elections.

They are baffled because they do not want to understand if they would, the true nature of the USSR. They cannot comprehend a socialist society.

Even though Harold Denny has been in the Soviet Union more than a year now, he is still steeped to the gills in bourgeois philosophy. He cannot understand the Soviet elections because he cannot understand why anyone should want to be elected except to benefit himself and his small clique of friends, why anyone should want to go to the national congress except to be able to bring back some booty, or why anyone should withdraw his name unless he was "bought off" by his "rival."

He and his kind are quite mystified by the words of President Kalinin:

"In our country in a number of places candidates withdraw their names for the benefit of some candidate, it is a result of their social kinship and common political purpose."

Tens and hundreds of thousands of electors after considerable discussion have agreed

on one candidate. It is a sign of socialism—a sign of the impossibility of differences among the working masses, such as there are in bourgeois society."

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commissions of 11 persons. These eleven are the best representatives of all the social organizations and associations of working people in the locality.

In counting the votes no such scandals as the one occurring in San Francisco last month will be possible. For Soviet elections are supervised not by people who are interested primarily in making their \$3 a day (and more if they can get it from other sources), but by citizens who are on the job to see that the elections are run off exactly according to the law.

Also the Soviet citizens will have from 6 a. m. to midnight in which to vote. In America, on the other hand, the hours are from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. But as most workers in this country are at work at 8 a. m. and often do not finish their dinner till as late as 7 p. m., they sometimes do not feel energetic enough to push through the last hour rush at the polls—"just to vote." In the polling hours set, the Soviet Electoral Law gives one more piece of evidence as to the practical "little" ways in which the great democratic constitution helps the citizens to run their country.

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### Farmers to Govern

Finally, the bourgeois correspondents complete the list with 69 workers direct from the factory and 79 peasants from the collective farms. These Denny is pleased to label as a "small salting of workers and peasants" as if to contrast these with the "bureaucrats." Again this worthy correspondent shows his abysmal ignorance of Soviet society. In a society of workers, owned and operated by workers, who else indeed could be qualified to sit on the highest body of the land but workers? Each candidate is a worker of some kind or the other. Most of the candidates in this last classification are listed as Stakhanovites (workers honored for their unusual ability).

Needless to say, the same "alarming" situation is discovered by Denny in the candidacies for the Council of Nationalities of the other house of the Soviet supreme legislative-executive power. He reports 113 Communist Party executives, including four members of the Central Committee, 150 government executives, 37 Red Army and Navy men, six aviators, 39 intellectuals, 17 factory directors, 62 factory workers and 144 collective farm workers. He also notes (without comment, significantly) that of the total 99 women are candidates to the Council of Nationalities and 69 to the Council of the Nation.

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### MedicBureau Sends \$6,500 For SpainAid

MEXICO CITY—In accordance with a decision taken by its Sixth National Council, the Confederation of Mexican Workers

has announced its intention to carry out a complete boycott of Japanese goods in Mexico.

At the same time, the Confederation has sent a formal petition to President Cardenas asking that the government establish an embargo

on Japanese goods.

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### Delbos' Diplomatic Journey May Save Poland From Nazi

By HARRY GANNES

The Warsaw visit of France's Foreign Minister, Yvon Delbos, is causing the Nazis keener anxiety than any other of the scheduled stops in his important diplomatic tour of Central Europe.

Coming as it does on the heels of the Hitler-Halifax conversations and the London confab between the British Premier and Foreign

Minister and the French Premier and his foreign staff it may prove decisive in rejecting Hitler's demand to the Tories for a "free hand" in Central Europe.

In this regard, Poland is the key country. For the Nazis, Poland figures in German military schemes as a corridor and battle

field in any attempt to carry out the plans of Hitler's Mein Kampf to grab the Ukraine.

### OPPORTUNE MOMENT

Delbos chose the opportune moment to go to Warsaw. The

pro-Hitler faction of the ruling clique, headed by Joseph Beck, Foreign Minister, has been exceptionally active in preparing for a fascist coup on the Brazilian style in order to stem

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### Labor's Political Front Forming in California

FOR THE first time in California political history, there is a real reason to expect that labor will be an active, independent force.

It can be a decisive force.

Over the week-end of December 11 and 12, Labor's Non-Partisan League will hold its state convention in San Francisco. Already, credentials are in the state office to show that the representation will be heavy from both CIO and AFL unions.

But the emergence of the League as a major force in California does not tell much more than one forty-eighth of the story. It is growing in every state in the nation. In many states it is already a formally organized, going concern. Five of its candidates will sit on the new city council of New York City—candidates of the American Labor Party.

New Jersey, inspired by the New York victory, has organized an American Labor Party along the same lines. Soon a state convention will be held in Maryland. Recent dispatches told of organizations being formed in St. Louis. In nearly half of the states of the Union there is a formally organized state body. Not only in New York, but in Ohio and Pennsylvania the League has already tasted important victories through its direct participation in major elections.

From such states as Vermont, Texas, Arizona, Maine, Indiana and Rhode Island come dispatches telling of League activity to weld the labor movement into a unified political force.

In short, the League has come a long way since its auspicious beginning in rallying labor to an independent position in support of the Roosevelt administration in the 1936 campaign.

The convention in California, therefore, is an important milestone. Without doubt it can not only give labor the means to insure a progressive, pro-labor administration in California and a progressive delegation in Congress after 1938, but it can also play an invaluable part in healing the split between CIO and AFL.

The Western Worker greets the delegates to the convention!

May their deliberations be a serious, vigorous and an intelligent effort to unite behind the common tasks of labor and all progressive forces: to rid California of the Merriam administration, to guarantee the right of labor to organize, strike and picket, to fight the menace of injunctions, to rally public pressure against the vigilante and fascists groupings that blot the name of the state, and to renew the fight for Tom Mooney and all of labor's political prisoners.

### The Fight for Mooney Reaches a Critical Stage

NEVER in the 21 years since Tom Mooney was put in San Quentin has the nationwide fight for his freedom reached the proportions of today.

Never was the need for that fight more clear than it is today.

Tom Mooney can be a free man next Spring. The long fight can end in one of the most tremendous victories the labor movement has known in this country.

But that freedom depends on the flying trapeze artists of the Supreme Court of the United States. That court invalidated the NRA when it was not under fire. It freed Angelo Herndon when protest was high.

Then let protest volley and thunder until it echoes from every crag and resounds in every city and hamlet!

In San Francisco, 12,000 people shook the rafters of Civic Auditorium in response to Governor Elmer Benson's appeal for Mooney's freedom. The Los Angeles meeting on December 17 in Philharmonic Auditorium must be a similar demonstration to rattle the ear drums of Governor Merriam and the judiciary, from top to bottom.

The nation as a whole is being awakened and more reverberations are on the way. On December 15 a special Senate Committee in Washington will begin hearings on a resolution to memorialize Governor Merriam to pardon Mooney.

Congressman Jerry O'Connell of Montana is now leading a movement urging that Mooney be brought to Washington in person to testify.

Mooney's appearance in Washington is badly needed. Let unions and individuals write and telegraph their support of the proposal to the Senate Committee in Washington. Evasion and silence have enabled the courts thus far to ignore or deny the overwhelming evidence of perjury and subornation of perjury by which his conviction was

possible. Let the Senate hearing now serve as a new sounding board for the demands of labor, and the evidence of Mooney's innocence, to be heard over the nation.

Let protest ring! The nation as a whole is becoming attorney for Tom Mooney, whose name is the name of Labor.

### Manufactured

By duPont

LAMMOT duPONT pleaded for "only a fair opportunity" at the Congress of American Industry which brought together some of America's leading industrialists.

With a positive touch of whimsy, he added:

"All that we ask is the same fair opportunity to work that we believe should be given the humblest citizen."

To Mr. duPont, "the whole future is a gigantic question mark."

And all Lammot duPont and all the other duPonts that infest the shores of the Delaware raked in was \$71,000,000 in dividends this year.

Mr. duPont must be a Jacksonian Democrat at heart to be content with the same rights as "the humblest citizen," after his family netted more money in one year than do a number of humble citizens equal to the total population of the State of Nevada.

Or perhaps, Mr. duPont was thinking of the "fair opportunity" to work given the 1,500 workers laid off by General Motors in Los Angeles. The duPonts control General Motors, you know.

Mr. duPont's speech reads like an almanac of some ten years ago. There hasn't been anything quite like it since the crash of 1929.

His crushing remark was:

"The bulk of responsibility for future social betterment should be placed on industry's shoulders. It belongs there."

What about 1929 and 1933? Does Mr. duPont think the American people have forgotten?

They haven't and they won't. That is why they are now fighting for a wages and hours bill, for expanding relief, for no reduction in taxation on the big fellows.

There are approximately 10,000,000 persons out of work, and the best offer Mr. duPont can make in the name of American industry is that it will take "a year, two years, perhaps even ten years . . . to create three million industrial jobs that do not now exist."

The headline forms to the right.

### Shipowners Used Lockout As Political Trick

WHY THE steam schooner lockout?

It lasted only four days; obviously the shipowners never had any intention of tying up all the steam schooners on the coast, for only one ship—the James Griffith that started the "beef" in San Pedro—was affected. Then why any lockout at all?

The motivation behind this disturbance can be found in Washington, D. C., in several bills being introduced into the special session of Congress, designed at crimping the maritime unions and eventually destroying them. In these bills the shipowners propose:

1. Compulsory arbitration, along the lines of the anti-strike Railway Labor Act.

2. Placing the unlicensed seamen under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Coast Guard, with the objective (admitted by the bill's author, Admiral Wiley of the Maritime Commission) of eventually destroying the seamen's organizations on all coasts.

In order to drum up agitation for this bill, the shipowners are trying to prove that the maritime workers need these halts because they are "irresponsible." The next step would be to outlaw the unions because the seamen are "too irresponsible" to run their own organizations. The shipowners hope to take Hitler's path.

Here's where the steam schooner lockout comes in. The shipowners point to the James Griffiths incident as an "irresponsible" example which forced the shipowners to declare the lockout. They had been praying for just such an incident so that a lockout could be declared, to use for propaganda for their anti-labor bills.

It is up to the maritime unions (and the Teamsters Union, which is included in the compulsory arbitration bill) again to topple over the employers' house of propaganda cards and expose their real aims—to destroy the unions. All possible support by other unions and by the people generally must be rallied NOW to block the shipowners' bills. The people must speak immediately to their congressmen and senators, demanding that they vote "no" on all shipowners' bills.

### The Last Gangster— We Hope

TO THOSE who doubted the authenticity of gangster films, recent news from Hollywood should serve as an illusion. With Willie Bioff on the scene and his professed intimacy with producers, there is no reason for lack of realism in depicting the underworld.

Willie, you may know, is self-appointed czar of 12,000 film studio workers. He would do better as technical adviser in cops and robbers pictures unless "The Last Gangster" really is a finale.

Willie has been hunted for murder. He was intimate with Chicago's underworld during Al Capone's reign. He did a six-month rap for selling feminine charms in a less ethereal sense than Billy Rose does.

Willie has many other talents, but none of them qualify him as a labor leader.

Then why should he be a labor leader? It seems such a waste of talent and energy. Couldn't the studio workers make him happy again by sending him back to his native habitat in the red light district of Chicago?

### It's No Horatio Alger Story



Typical of thousands of former rank-and-file workers who distinguished themselves by high-quality work and now occupy positions of great responsibility are these executives of Soviet industry: Top row, left to right: Nikita Izotov, miner, who now manages the large coal trust Shakhtantrakti; Aksinya Shavaleva, spinner, recently appointed assistant director of a Kalinin textile factory; bottom row, Director Yusim of the giant Kaganovich First State Ball Bearing Plant in Moscow; Ognivov, locomotive engineer who is now chief of the Tula depot.

### HOW DOES THE SOVIET UNION'S NEW ELECTORAL SYSTEM WORK?

By K. MAYER

MOSCOW—The new electoral law for the election of the Supreme Council (Soviet) of the Union and of the Council of the Nationalities was adopted on July 4, 1937, by the Central Executive Committee. It is based on the Stalinist Constitution.

Every citizen of the Soviet Union who has attained his or her 18th year by polling day is an elector, and possesses at the same time the right to be elected, irrespective of race or nationality, of creed, degree of education, property status, social origin, or length of residence. The only persons excluded from the franchise are those sentenced of loss of electoral rights by the courts, or mentally deficient.

#### Who Will Vote

Every citizen has a vote, and all, whether workers, peasants, or intellectuals, take part in the elections. Women have the right to elect and be elected on equal terms with men; the young Soviet citizens serving in the Red Army at the time of the elections have also equal electoral rights.

In all towns, villages, and even the smallest settlements, lists of electors are drawn up, registering, in alphabetical order, the names and addresses of all the Soviet citizens entitled to vote.

These lists are open to the public for 30 days before the election, and everyone has the right to enter a complaint to the executive committee of the Soviet, which must examine the application within three days. The final decision in the case of such complaints is in the hands of the public sessions of the People's Court.

Should an elector change his residence while the list of electors is open for public examination, or on the day of the election, he receives from his competent Soviet a "voting certificate," enabling him to exercise his electoral rights without let or hindrance, even should he not move to his new place of residence until the election day.

#### Constituencies

The whole country is divided into electoral constituencies. For the election of the Supreme Council (Soviet) of the Union, every 300,000 citizens form a constituency, and send a deputy.

In the case of the Second Chamber, the Council of Nationalities, the election is carried out in accordance with the national districts, 25 deputies falling to each Union Republic, 11 to each Autonomous Republic, 5 to each Autonomous Province, and one deputy to every national district.

#### Electoral District

The constituencies themselves are subdivided into smaller di-

visions or wards for purposes of exactitude of electoral organization, putting up of candidates, distribution of voting papers, and counting. One thousand, five hundred to 2,500 electors should form one electoral district.

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#### Election Commissions

In order to organize the whole procedure of the elections, special organs are formed, electoral commissions, from Central Electoral Commissions to Constituent Electoral Commissions, and down to the smallest unit—the Electoral Commission of the District. These commissions are composed of the best representatives of all the social organizations and associations of the

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#### Election Day

All over the country a non-working day is selected as polling day. Voting takes place from 6 a. m. till midnight in every electoral district in the country. Every voter goes in person to the polling booth of his district, shows his identification papers (passport, trade union or collective farm card), and after this has been found to correspond with the election list he is given a voting paper and an envelope.

Now the citizen has free choice of the candidate for whom he wishes to vote. The polling booths are so arranged that every elector is alone. All agitation, or communication with a member of the election commission is prohibited in the polling booth. Before polling begins the ballot box is locked by the chairman of the electoral commission in the presence of eight to ten members of the electoral commission.

After polling is completed, it is opened, and the last stage of the procedure begins: **counting the votes.**

The candidate receiving the absolute majority of votes, that is to say, more than one-half of all the valid votes cast in the constituency, is elected. Should none of the candidates have an absolute majority, a special ballot will be held within a fortnight between the two candidates who received the most votes. Should a deputy leave one of the councils, a by-election is held in the constituency concerned within two months at most, on the same democratic basis.

This right is further possessed by every general meeting of the workers and employees of the works and factories, every meeting of Red Army soldiers in military units, every meeting of the peasants on the collective farms or of the workers on the Soviet farms.

### As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

#### Labor's Non-Partisan League Convention

LABOR'S Non-Partisan League of California will be born at its first state convention in San Francisco on Saturday and Sunday, December 11th and 12th. It may well be the most important political event of the year in California, and become a decisive factor in the outcome of the gubernatorial elections in 1938.

The results of the recent elections throughout the country have already indicated that the political strength of Labor, when allied with other progressive forces, is the only force capable of defeating the camp of reactionary Big Business. The beginning of a potential People's Front combination is in the making, challenging the forces of reaction at a critical period when the Wall Street interests by their economic and political sabotage are aggravating the present business slump and increasing the possibility of a new economic crisis.

Only a great people's movement can effectively combat the sabotage of the economic royalists. The first and most important factor in such a progressive coalition is the independent political activity of a strong, united labor movement. That is the job before Labor's Non-Partisan League convention: to achieve the political unity of the California labor movement, and win the farmers and other progressive allies to its side.

This state has presented a paradox since 1934, with progressive political movements which were divorced in the main from the labor movement, and on the other hand a labor movement which has won many victories on the economic field, but has failed to utilize its power and strength for progressive political action. The result has been costly defeats for both, with California still in the grip of a reactionary Republican machine that does the bidding of the Industrial Association, the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, the Waterfront Employers' Association, the Southern Pacific Railroad, the Standard Oil Co., the bankers and the big growers; in short, the economic royalists of this state, the bitterest enemies of the more progressive measures of the New Deal.

But the tide is turning. If Labor's Non-Partisan League can achieve a united front of the AFL, the CIO, and the Railway Brotherhoods, and ally itself with the progressive forces in the Democratic Party, 1938 will see a defeat of reaction in California.

#### How to Clean Up the City

NEWSPAPER headlines say that Mayor Rossi is anxious to clean up the city, to look all bright and shining for the 1939 Fair. But it is a sad commentary on the political hygiene of San Francisco that Rossi is the one to lead the "clean-up" campaign.

We Communists are indeed so solicitous about the appearance of San Francisco, that we intend to give our state headquarters a new coat of paint just as soon as enough sympathizers will contribute the money for it. But cleanliness, unlike beauty, is more than skin deep. In the case of San Francisco, it will take more than painting and washing buildings, cleaning up refuse, etc., to clean up the city.

## CENTER SHOTS

by WM. Z. FOSTER

THE People's Congress for Peace and Democracy, held in Pittsburgh, Nov. 28-30, was a great milestone on the way of building the People's Front in this country and the development of effective struggle against fascism and war. With 1,320 delegates, coming from organizations containing 4,406,048 members, the Congress indeed represented a large segment of the American people.

The Congress was a practical demonstration of the profound change that has taken place in the minds of the American masses as to how to keep America out of war. It is only a few months ago since the isolationist's theory was so widely accepted as to be practically unchallenged, except by the Communists and other left-wing elements. But a tremendous and swift change in sentiment has since occurred.

The people are getting to understand that attempting to hide away from the fascist war aggressors is no solution, but only stimulates these murderers to further assaults upon the lives and liberties of the masses. The people are learning the lesson that the way to keep America out of war is to keep war out of the world.

The handful of Trotzkyites and Lovestoneites present at the Congress with their policy of sabotaging all effective struggle against fascism and war were simply overwhelmed by the practically unanimous support for the policy of collective security.

THE REPRESENTATION to this great Congress came from a wide variety of organizations—trade unions, youth, religious, farm, women, Negro, fraternal, professional, political and other groups. It was a broad People's Front gathering and it augurs well for the growth of the democratic mass resistance in various other fields of industrial, political and cultural struggle.

One of the most striking and important features of the Congress was large trade union representation, there being no less than 405 delegates, representing 332 trade union bodies (both AFL and CIO) with 1,647,250 members. The great responsiveness of the trade unions to the Congress may be judged from the fact that every Central Labor Council in Western Pennsylvania, both AFL and CIO, and including Pittsburgh, sent delegates.

The utmost fraternity prevailed between the AFL and CIO delegates, and any mention of trade union unity by a speaker was sure to bring a most hearty response from them. The AFL leaders now jockeying about in the Washington trade union body of negotiations would do well to pay attention to this sentiment of the great body of trade union representation at the Pittsburgh Congress.

The Congress adopted an excellent nine-point program for struggle against fascism and war. It now remains to develop a strong mass campaign to put this program into effect. Many times in the past we have seen fine conventions held over burning issues, but after they were adjourned little happened because they were not backed up with a militant program of action. In the past many convention participants seemed to consider such gatherings as the end in themselves, instead of a means to mobilize the masses for struggle.

THIS DANGER should be guarded against in connection with the splendid People's Congress for Peace and Democracy. By all means the Congress must be followed up by a great burst of organized activity to mobilize the masses along the lines of the nine-point program. Advantage should be taken of every known way of stimulating the masses to action. There should be systematically organized debates and talks on the radio, forum speeches, articles and letters in the daily press, anti-war resolutions by all sorts of organizations, delegates to Congress, speakers routed through the churches, demonstrations held, united front action with other peace movements and a hundred other devices utilized to reach the masses.

In short, the real test of the People's Congress for Peace and democracy is yet to come. The measure of its success will be determined by the extent to which it is followed up by militant, organized activity. The great masses are ripe and ready to respond to the leadership.

## Counsel for the People

### LABOR INJUNCTIONS

WITHIN the last few months a plague has swept through the cities of California. The plague is called "labor injunction." It attacks trade unions and their members, and in almost every case it drains them of their life blood—the right to strike, picket and boycott.

What is a labor injunction? An injunction is the decree of a court ordering certain acts to be done, and prohibiting other acts from being done. When used to interfere with the fundamental rights of labor organizations it is commonly called a labor injunction.

The usual form of labor injunction is against picketing. Sometimes it forbids only picketing for the purpose of "intimidation." More often it prohibits all picketing. And at times it takes the form of ordering a union to turn over its funds to some other organization, or ordering a union to call off a strike or boycott.

Because an injunction is an order of the court, any worker or union violating it is guilty of contempt of court.

Judicial Dictatorship When one examines the law governing injunctions, it is impossible not to realize that we are living under a judicial dictatorship. If the Supreme Court by declaring laws unconstitutional does not prove that we have a dictatorship by the judiciary, the procedure of granting injunctions, and particularly labor injunctions, certainly does.

Here is a typical picture. An employer goes to his attorney and says: "My factory is being picketed. I can't get scabs to go through the picket line. Get me an injunction."

The lawyer dictates a complaint which is filled with lies about violence on the picket line, or carries false statement that there is no labor dispute in existence. Then he goes to a judge—an superior court judge in the county—and gets an injunction issued.

No bond is required. No notice is given to the union. No opportunity is given to the union to present its side or to show that the statements in the complaint are untrue.

Later on, the employer puts the finishing touches to his

frame-up. He makes the claim that some of the workers have violated the injunction. The workers are haled before the same judge who granted the injunction. Naturally this judge finds them guilty of contempt of court, and he sentences them to a term in jail or to a large fine.

It is unnecessary to prove that what everyone knows, that a large proportion of the judges in any community are under the thumb of large employers. Therefore, it is not surprising that judges not only give injunctions against picketing, but go much farther, even to the extent of prohibiting a labor council from placing an employer on the unfair list.

Certain California judges are so vicious that they deserve special mention. In Los Angeles, Judge Emmett Wilson has taken the lead in granting some of the most sweeping and venomous labor injunctions in the history of the country.

Not quite in Judge Wilson's class, but worthy of note for their anti-labor position, are Judge C. J. Goodell and Judge George J. Steiger of San Francisco. While these judges have not yet gone as far as Wilson, they are guilty of the vicious practice of issuing injunctions against picketing without giving any notice or opportunity to be heard to the unions.

### Program Recommended

What can be done to destroy the labor injunction monster? We suggest the following program as a necessary beginning:

(1) Preparation and wide distribution of a pamphlet showing the nature of labor injunctions, the unfair way in which they are issued, and the injustices resulting from their use.

(2) Expose the anti-labor judges who not only issue labor injunctions, but issue them without notice or hearing for the union.

(3) Build a campaign on a state-wide scale for the passage of a state anti-injunction bill similar to the Norris-LaGuardia Act which was passed by Congress.

(4) Organize broad labor and citizens' committees in every city to carry on education on labor injunctions, and to further the campaign for a state anti-injunction act.

## DIARY OF AN AMERICAN IN SPAIN

# Keeler Sees Many Americans While Convalescing at Hospital

By ADDISON KEELER

I hope that you have received all my articles covering the capture of Quinto and the first three days of the attack on Belchite. I expect to be able to get you off fresh material describing life in the Brigade, as I go before the medical commission today and hope to be sent back on up. What has held me here so long is not the slight wound which has healed completely, but a few infections. I'll be glad to get out of here and back to the battalion as two months of enforced inaction in a hospital is damned demoral-

**Editor's Note:** Struck by a bullet which felt like a "male's kick," Addison Keeler, Western Worker Correspondent with the Lincoln Battalion in Spain has been recovering from his wounds in a hospital which he describes in this article, his first dispatch from the front in several weeks. Back on the job, Keeler will keep you informed of the latest phases of the struggle in his usual clear and accurate dispatches.

izing, particularly when most of your friends are at the front.

Perhaps you would be interested in a brief account of my experiences with the medical services here.

As described in a previous article, on Sep. 3 our company occupied an advanced position in an olive grove about one hundred yards away from the outer walls of Belchite. Our two light machine guns were mounted on a parapet and on our right flank were the heavy machine guns of our battalion. About eight o'clock in the morning we were ordered to provide cover fire for the first group which was going over the top.

### A Mule's Kick

I had just strapped on my ammunition belt preparatory to firing, when I was surprised to be kicked in the back by a very large mule—or it seemed to me. Anyway I let out a tremendous yell that should have been heard by the fascists in the church tower (ask Brad). However, I had received only a superficial wound, as the bullet had ploughed through three clips of cartridges on my belt, then deflected, burning but a few inches of skin off my hide. The blow on my ribs and kidney was considerable and as I wasn't much further use, George, the first-aid man, went with me back to the emergency first aid station.

This was located behind a hill, from the summit of which our anti-tanks were firing upon the defences of the city. This advanced first aid station I should judge was three-quarters of a mile from the front lines and, though safe from fire of machine guns, the staff underwent repeated airplane bombardments from fascist planes which were trying to silence our artillery. On duty were three doctors, a German, a Frenchman and an American. Our battalion doctor (the Frenchman) examined me and ordered me back to the hospital.

I was put in an ambulance which was rushing a badly wounded comrade to the operating hospital. This was a young Spanish boy who had been wounded in the head and chest. I was put in an ambulance which was rushing a badly wounded comrade to the operating hospital. This was a young Spanish boy who had been wounded in the head and chest.

VERDIT "La Traviata" will be the radio fare offered by the New York Philharmonic this Saturday morning (10:55, NBC over KGO). Gina Boví, Nino Martini and John Charles Thomas will take the feature roles. The NBC Symphony, directed by Dr. Artur Rodzinski, will offer a Saturday evening program (starting at 7 p. m. over NBC) featuring Dmitri Shostakovich's First Symphony and works by Stravinsky, Tschaikowsky, and Smetana.

Radiophiles will by now be familiar with "Labor on the March," the program broadcast nightly at 6:30 over KGGC in San Francisco by the ILWU, but if not, try it.

### Film Exposes Racket of Arms Manufacturers

"Dealers in Death," the inside story of the munitions racket, and a splendid film on the subject of war and peace, will be the attraction presented by the Film Forum in the Auditorium at 121 Haight Street on Sunday evening, December 12.

This picture has the unanimous endorsement of critics throughout the nation, having been hailed in the press as the "first film to capitalize on munitions exposures." "The strongest and most daring film to date," and "as true and effective a document as you could ask for."

There are two showings of the film, at 7:30 and 9:00 p.m. The public is invited, and admission is 25 cents.

## WESTERN WORKER

## The Bread Line in Madrid



NON-COMBATANTS waiting in a street, despite danger of death or injury from shells and bombs, for their allotment of rations. Patient and cheerful, they look to the peace-loving democratic peoples of the world for aid.

The only other occupant of the ambulance I found to be a YCLer from San Francisco, whom I had known back at the training camp. His name is Boettcher (I am not sure of the spelling) and he was shot through the left thumb. Between us we did our best to make the Spanish boy as comfortable as possible during the fast ride. That ambulance driver, by the way, was an expert at making speed dodging the worst of the bumps.

### The Field Hospital

We were examined again at another first aid station, then taken to a large field hospital where the Spanish boy was operated upon. There I saw our Brigade Political Commissar, Steve Nelson, being treated for shrapnel wounds in the head and thigh. (Later Steve, against the doctor's orders, returned to the front along with Amie who was wounded in the head—which shows you what kind of stuff our leaders are made of.)

**The spirit hasn't changed** since the first volunteers asked of the Spanish authorities: "All that we ask is that you send us to the positions of the greatest danger."

From the field hospital we were put on a hospital train and there I saw many of my friends and comrades from the battalion. There was Sol Schiff, one of my closest friends lying on a stretcher with a bullet through his leg. Sol is a photographer from New York City and as (at present writing) he is still lame, he will probably be transferred to photographic work in the Brigade. There was Yick, the young Chinese comrade, with bullet through the toe; Punko, a Canadian comrade of Slavish birth whose shoulder was shattered by an explosive bullet; Walter Sprungman, our adjutant, wounded in both shoulders. There were two other Califor-

nians — Manuel Vaienzuela, our sergeant-interpreter (and incidentally one of the most fearless comrades I have seen in action at the front) was shot through the foot; Frank Cwiez ("Whitey") from San Francisco suffered a shattered arm from an explosive bullet.

**Greeted by Minor**

By train we were taken to the central hospital at Hyères, except for the more serious cases, were sent on down to the brigade convalescent hospital on the Mediterranean. And who should be on hand to meet us when we disembarked from the ambulances but Bob Minor and Joe North. Their first question was "Where is Steve Nelson?" Steve was "lost" for several days—no one suspecting that he would have returned, wounded, to the front.

The hospital here consists of

a group of villas fronting a sandy beach with mountains in the background. The climate is

excellent and those whose

wounds permit can go swimming, take sun baths on the sand, or hike in the mountains.

The food is the best we have

had in Spain and although the

war has caused the absence of

such usual hospital fare as fresh

milk, eggs and vegetables, most

of us get well very rapidly on

what we are given to eat. There

is always plenty of canned milk

to be had and meals can be

augmented by the purchase of

coffee and cakes, fruit, nuts and

candy at the club and the canteen.

The canteen also serves all

kinds of drinks—cognac,

rum, beer, muscatel and even

champagne. Every night before

and after dinner the tables inside

and in the patio behind are

crowded with internationals and

Spanish comrades.

A doctor is on attendance at

every villa and of course there

are many Spanish nurses (they

seem to pick out, by the way,

the prettiest girls for this job). There are only three American nurses and the doctors are mostly Spanish—and excellent practitioners.

### Some More Friends

I am in Villa Dakovik (all villas are named after famous revolutionaries). Amie was in my villa for a while, recovering from his head wound—also Bill Hollowell, one of the best-liked officers of the brigade. Needless to say every man in the brigade likes and admires Commander Amie. We regard him as an outstanding military leader and like him because in his relationship with his men he is always one of us. John Stuvenberg, West Coast sailor, is in my villa with a head wound received at Fuentes, also Sanford, first aid man from Frisco, and Peter Fry from New York (wounded in the arm). One of the most popular patients is Lewis ("Scotty") Grant from Vancouver, B. C., whose arm was shattered at Belchite. Howard Goddard of Los Angeles is in the hospital and Ray Ticer has been moved to another hospital.

Western Workers are in great demand and in the course of a current campaign to raise money for relief of Asturian women and children I hung a copy received from San Diego in the club and it is already well plastered with campaign stamps—at a peseta apiece. I believe it is the plan to send back these papers, read almost to ribbons, to be raffled off at Workers Press affairs.

Since our arrival at the hospital Larry Maynard, our political commissar, with the assistance of Lester Gittelson, has worked wonders in organizing a variety of pursuits and amusements for the English-speaking patients—get-togethers, musical programs, dances, movies, lectures, Spanish classes. So you can see it's not such a tough break to get a "blighty" in this war!

## Art and Music

### Water Colors Offer Study In Contrasts

Claire von Falkenstein's water colors, on exhibit at the San Francisco Museum of Art jointly with those of Ray Boynton, depict various phases in the lives of lumber mill workers. You see the log cutters, the lumberjacks loading and unloading, the "Mill Pond" where the logs are stored, the "Box Factory" the log-ger over forest, the Mill yard.

There is sweeping quality to von Falkenstein's style and good humoured freedom, but beneath that is always definite balanced form. "Looking Out From Dry Chain" is a good example of a freely treated subject based on old design.

"'Saw' is the most dramatic. It shows men at the switches while a great saw hangs menacingly overhead. With broken lines of color the artist achieves the feeling of the mill itself. You observe, the endless chains of logs, and you sense, also, the tenseness of the men working at high pressure.

### Artists Contrasted

It is interesting to have Claire Von Falkenstein and Ray Boynton in a joint exhibit because of the contrast in their styles and approach. In Miss Von Falkenstein's water colors there is swift sweep of brush work and transparent color whereas Boynton paints with very full tones. He achieves a solidness of color unusual for water colors. His work can always be recognized by its deep indigos, purples and dark blue-greens.

There is in Boynton's work a profound calmness, "High Meadows," "Bridal Veil." Claire Von Falkenstein dealt with similar themes in "Lava Bed" and "Upper Falls," but in the high Sierras of Ray Boynton there is quiet and in those of Claire Von Falkenstein the rush of wild waters.

## Communists Pledge Aid to Tom Mooney On 55th Birthday

Mass Participation in Huge Mass Meetings Asked As Demonstration of Solidarity With Famous Prisoner

Tom Mooney, perhaps the world's best loved political prisoner, received among scores of heart-warming greetings on his fifty-fifth birthday assurances of hope from the Communist Party of the United States.

Greetings to the famous labor martyrs were sent by the California State Committee of the Party, as well as by the Central Committee.

The message of the California State Committee, signed by William Schneiderman, secretary, said:

"Greetings from five thousand members of the Communist Party in California. May this be your last birthday spent behind prison bars and your next one be celebrated as a free man."

From the Central Committee, a statement signed by Chairman William Z. Foster and General Secretary Earl Browder carried to Mooney the pledge of active aid in the furtherance of his struggle for freedom. The statement follows:

Tom Mooney, labor's champion, is 55 years old today.

This is the 21st birthday he has spent behind the bars of San Quentin prison for a crime he did not commit. The very best years of his valuable life have been passed behind those stone walls.

Although he has not been forgotten for one single moment by the labor movement in whose ranks he was such an outstanding fighter, today this solidarity is not enough. When we greet Tom Mooney today, we must pledge that this will definitely be the last birthday he will spend in prison.

Twenty years ago, the workers of Petrograd, led by Lenin and the Bolsheviks, started a world movement of protest that resulted in President Woodrow Wilson intervening in Mooney's behalf and halting his execution. Today, with Mooney's appeal before the United States Supreme Court, we must organize for the final victory—for the unconditional freedom of Mooney and Billings.

On Dec. 15, the State Judiciary Committee will start an investigation of the Mooney-Billings case in Washington. A favorable outcome would mean a request by the Senate to President Roosevelt to follow the precedent established by Wilson and intervene in California on Mooney's behalf.

On the day the Senate hearing opens—Dec. 15—the people of New York will be given an opportunity to voice their protest at a rally in Madison Square Garden against the infamous sentence that has imprisoned Mooney and Billings for 21 years. We call upon every member of the Communist Party and every friend of our movement to attend that rally as a solemn duty to Tom Mooney, as the most welcome birthday gift that we can offer him, and as one effective means of showing the Senate Judiciary Committee exactly where the labor movement stands on the issue of Mooney and Billings.

Hearty revolutionary greetings to you, Tom Mooney, in the name of the Central Committee and the entire membership of the Communist Party of the United States. We pledge today to do everything in our power to mobilize the American people in support of our unflinching fight for vindication and freedom.

## LOYALISTS DISPERSE FOE WITH AIR RAID

MADRID—An air raid by Loylists on the fascist air base in the Balearics and the repulsing of a fascist thrust immediately west of Madrid were reported here by Loyalist headquarters.

After ninety minutes of severe fighting, fascist attackers were driven back. It was the first renewal of direct combat for several weeks.

Three insurgent planes were destroyed in the Balearics raid, it was further stated.

With rain and winter weather blocking most operations on the northern Aragon front, fascist and government forces alike were resorting to air attacks. Three times, Franco planes bombed the American hospital base at Tarazon, 50 miles from Madrid. Some \$15,000 worth of equipment, including four ambulances, two service cars and spare parts, was destroyed but no one killed.

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## Champion Shucker



RAY HANSON, farmer of Bingham Lake, Minn., who won the title over a field of 19 other shuckers from 10 states who battled in the driving rain and slippery mud before 75,000 spectators at Marshall, Mo. Mr. Hanson husked 21.3 bushels in 80 minutes.

## AFL, CIO JOIN IN FIGHT ON PICKET LAW

### Hit Huntington Park Ban; Kill Open-Shop Move in L. A. City Council

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other circumstances, illegal in a labor dispute."

#### Constitutional Right

Judge Brandeis of the United States Supreme Court said that the right to picket—peacefully picket—is a fundamental constitutional right. It is part of freedom of speech and freedom of expression."

"We think you ought not to do anything to violate such fundamental human rights. You must not take away these rights which workers have won with their lives and rights which you should be deeply concerned with protecting," Wirin told the councilmen.

#### Demand Referendum

Said Jordan: "The least that can be done by this body is a referendum vote on the anti-picketing law, as has been done in San Francisco and Berkeley, where the citizens were permitted to vote on this. I ask you to table this until a referendum can be taken, so that the workers can decide what they want."

**A moment later J. W. Buzzell again rose and echoed Jordan. "Give the people a chance to vote on it," he said.**

Those casting the votes which put the ordinance into immediate effect were Mayor Howard Seybold, and City Councilmen Richard Schulz, Elmer E. Cox, and Wendell Schooling. The single opposing vote was from Councilman Joe Hollibaugh, a small business man.

#### Block Open-Shop Clause

LOS ANGELES—CIO and AFL officials joined forces here last Tuesday to upset plans of city councilmen to pass a resolution as a prelude to passing the anti-picketing ordinance now before the council.

This was the second time in two days CIO and AFL officials had come together to fight a common enemy.

#### Anti-Labor Clause

Ostensibly the resolution was aimed only at racketeers who are said to be demanding sums of money from employers on the threat of calling strikes, but it was a clause quite apart from the question of racketeers, which implied that genuine labor organizations are part of the racketeering system.

The clause stated that attempts are being made to force employers to establish the "closed shop."

Speaking for the AFL was J. W. Buzzell, Central Labor Council Secretary, who demanded deletion of the anti-labor clause.

#### Prelude to Picket Ban

"I think this resolution is a prelude to another communication which would pass an anti-picketing ordinance against bona fide labor unions, but strike out the objectionable clause and I will not oppose it," Buzzell told the councilmen.

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## Scandal Hinted As Quiz Opens On L. A. Relief

LOS ANGELES—Startling charges were hurled against the local Relief Administration as relief clients and needy aged persons went to battle on two fronts last week in protest against intolerable conditions.

Delegations from the Workers' Alliance last Tuesday packed the Board of Supervisors, demanded extension of relief to so-called "technical non-residents," later jammed the State Building where the Assembly Interim Committee on Social Welfare was beginning its scheduled investigation into State Relief Administration practices.

Before the eager eyes of close to 400 unemployed workers, the five-man Assembly Committee, headed by Assemblyman Elmer Lore, heard Albert A. Helness, county organizer of the Workers' Alliance, charge this:

1. More than 2000 single, unattached men in Los Angeles county have been shunted off into forced-labor camps where they are required to work 30 hours per week without compensation, live in unfit, insanitary conditions;

2. Entire families are taken off relief rolls, sent into cotton fields to work long hours for starvation wages;

3. Social workers for the Los Angeles county Relief Administration are unable to make adequate adjustments in their case work because of arbitrary rulings of State Relief Administrator Harold J. Pomeroy.

4. Destitute families, in need of emergency relief aid, are forced to wait days, and even weeks, because of official "red tape," before they are put on relief.

5. The LACRA is fostering child labor by compelling whole families to labor in cotton fields in order to earn a semi-decent wage.

6. The LACRA is directly responsible for the death of at least one child because of inhuman living and working conditions in the San Joaquin Valley cotton fields.

From the board of Supervisors, Workers' Alliance members, led by Mrs. Mary MacGregor, obtained endorsement of their plan to ask the State Legislature to grant relief to "technical non-residents."

**State Law Cited**  
According to state laws, Mrs. MacGregor told the subversives, unemployed workers cannot receive relief unless they have been self-supporting residents in the State for three years and in

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## Slums Burden Taxpayers

Low Cost Housing Financed By U. S. Seen As Remedy; Merriam's Veto Dooms California Housing Progress

By BETTY FURSET

Slums are seven times more expensive than any other portion of the city.

Not only do slums blight the existence of thousands of youngsters, breed disease and malnutrition, but they are the most expensive business venture that modern city governments have as yet entered.

Surveys in several large American cities show the expenses in slum areas are SEVEN TIMES greater than the income which the districts bring in through taxes!

Cleveland, for instance, pays \$27.29 per person for public services in slum districts as against only \$4 per person in the rest of the city.

Then the government takes a first mortgage on the building and finances it over a 20-year period. The home-owner must always put up one-fifth of the total value.

This act is an extension of Mr. Hoover's famous Home Owners Loan Corporation, familiarly known as the HOLC. In short, it is a financing plan by which the government makes plenty of money with sound collateral in first mortgages. It is impossible for under-paid workers to take advantage of it, and it will only work where there is room enough to build a one-family house.

The present FHA bill pending before Congress has some advantages over the old one. The sum the home-owner must put up has been cut to one-tenth of the total price and interest rates have been reduced, but it is still no solution of the great problem of clearing city slums and replacing them with low-cost housing.

**Final Solution**

The third and final solution lies in low-cost housing. Here the government has taken some small steps in establishing model "colonies" near Washington, D. C., and in some other parts of the East. However, the reactionary Senate has managed to sabotage extension of the plan.

Here in California, where the problem is more oppressive than almost anywhere else in the nation, Governor Merriam has shown his public spiritedness by pocket-vetoing the Enabling Act which would enable California to take advantage of the government's housing offers.

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Vandeleur Carries Out His  
Splitting Role in Eureka

## JOBLESS POLL MET SABOTAGE IN SAN DIEGO

Postmaster and Mayor are  
Accused of Knifing  
Federal Census

By a Worker Correspondent  
SAN DIEGO—A hectic two weeks' of strenuous work marked the participation of the Workers' Alliance in the jobless census here.

A futile attempt was made to get Mayor Percy Benbough and the postmaster to act in their official capacity as advertising the census.

How far their cooperation was obtained may be judged from the fact that Frank Smith, given authority by Benbough to put out census posters, was struck by Roy Ferguson, assistant manager of the Federal Employment Bureau, 2nd and G sts., and two government posters were torn up by Ferguson.

### Sabotaged Poll

Arriving at the Bureau on Sunday morning to put up the posters, Smith put up two posters on the curtained windows where they would not obstruct view.

Roy Ferguson happened to drive up to go into the offices. He asked Smith what authority he had to post them. Smith told him Ferguson said he did not want the posters there, nor anywhere on the outside of the building.

Ferguson became enraged because Smith did not instantly take down the poster. Demanding that it be removed, he struck Smith a glancing blow and tore down the poster, stating that Smith was defacing government property.

### Threatened Worker

Smith said: "But that is government property you are destroying."

Ferguson threatened arrest, and seeing that this did not frighten Smith, he changed the subject.

Sunday evening, the Alliance telephoned to Washington, D.C., and to San Francisco protesting this outrage.

When the Alliance was given the 1000 posters to put up, the Mayor's office told them that the city would reimburse them for expenses incurred. After the posters were put up all over the city and county, an \$8 bill was presented to the Mayor's office, where they were told that the city had decided against paying the expenses.

The Alliance asked Mayor Benbough for an OK of radio announcements publicizing Alliance headquarters, 625 E. St., as registration headquarters. This he agreed to.

Postmaster Sabotaged

When the announcement was taken to stations KGB and KFSD, the station managers phoned up the Mayor's office for corroboration. The reply was: "Every consideration given the Workers' Alliance will be appreciated by the Mayor."

They phoned Don Stewart, San Diego Postmaster, and read the announcement to him:

Stewart answered: "I'm in charge of the census here, and all publicity goes through my hands."

The Alliance was forced to send another telegram to Washington protesting this sabotage of Stewart's.

The Alliance received a copy of the answer wired to Stewart. It said: "Stop interfering with the publicity work of the Mayor's Census Board."

The Alliance then visited the postmaster and found the old politician gurgling with anger. He said that everyone knew of the census and that a radio announcement by the Alliance was "unnecessary."

The Workers' Alliance in nearly every American city conducted a house to house publicity campaign. This was also done in San Diego.

The Alliance first asked Benbough and Stewart for permission to conduct this form of publicity, inasmuch as other cities had OK'd it. Mayor Benbough, as usual, was not interested in publicizing the census, which he termed as "just a publicity stunt."

The house to house campaign proceeded anyway.

### Heroic Unionist Killed In Spain

By a Candy Maker  
SAN FRANCISCO—A member of the Bakery & Confectionery Workers Union Local 14, has received a letter from Local 6, Philadelphia, Pa., informing him that Brother James Semenik, well known even as far as the West Coast for his faithfulness and militancy, was killed in action in Spain while fighting with the Lincoln Battalion against the invading troops of Mussolini and Hitler.

## Eureka AFL Council Split by Vandeleur

Delegates Overwhelmingly Against Split But Acted to Safeguard Charter; Ridiculed AFL "Czars"

By a Worker Correspondent

EUREKA, Humboldt County—At a recent meeting, the Eureka Federated Trades Council was entertained by a demonstration of "who splits the labor movement" when State AFL Secretary Vandeleur, Cameron, Carpenters' czar and goon squad forced the council to "disassociate" the CIO delegates from the Council.

The action was taken only after three hours of bitter debate when Vandeleur threatened to take over the council and appoint the officers. Rather than see the council fall into the hands of such rats as Tornwall and Strong and Elliott of the Carpenters, the delegates reluctantly took the action by a 19-to-7 vote.

**Condemned Splitting**

The size of the majority was no indication of the sentiment. Delegate after delegate took the floor and scored Vandeleur and Cameron on their splitting tactics. Not one delegate took the floor in favor of the move.

Thornwall, Strong, and Elliott were present in the council for the first time in weeks, but they did not have the courage to take the floor in the face of the overwhelming opposition to the action.

**Just to Save Council**

The delegates made it clear that the action did not mean that there would be any split in the local labor movement, but that they would take temporary action to save the council. Only three of the 12 CIO delegates were present at the meeting, and the support of the CIO came almost entirely from AFL delegates.

Vandeleur and Cameron had wanted to earn forever the hatred of the great majority of union men in Eureka, they could have devised no better way of doing it than in forcing this split. For two years the Eureka union men have worked long hours to build a trade union movement in an open shop town with the constant threat of 1000—or so the reactionaries claim—army and deputized vigilantes.

**Self-Organized**

Today there are about 2500 union men in Eureka who have organized themselves and fought their own battles with absolutely no aid from the State Federation of Labor, and very little from any international except for an occasional organizer, who usually blew town when he was most needed.

They have done this by presenting a compact and closed front to the reactionaries. One of the strongest supporters of this organizing drive has been the Longshoremen. Delegates pointed out that whenever an AFL member was out of work, he was always given extra work by the longshoremen, and they were damned if they were going to fight them.

**Doesn't Make Sense**

The labor-splitters had no argument against the local CIO locals except that they are CIO

## Fight SRA Firing of Unionist

State, County & Municipal Employees Union Urges Protests to Sacto.

By a Worker Correspondent

SACRAMENTO—Miss Floretta White, Sacramento SRA Director, recently transferred from Los Angeles, began her drive to bust the new union of State, County & Municipal Workers of America on November 10, by dismissing Miss Rose Bavuso, a junior stenographer clerk.

The union grievance committee immediately met with Miss White and demanded reinstatement and an open hearing, which was refused.

**Fake Grounds**

The grounds for dismissal were "inefficiency," but Miss White would not give any other details. Forty-three staff members signed a petition requesting immediate reinstatement of the dismissed worker, and 19 members of the staff who worked with Miss Bavuso signed depositions at testing to her efficiency and cooperation.

**The Sacramento CIO Industrial Council** immediately sent a committee to the SRA office, and calls began to pour in condemning Miss White for her arrogant and arbitrary attitude toward the staff.

Miss White began to break and announced that she would give her final decision on November 19. Harold Pomeroy went into conference with Miss White on the morning of November 19, and soon thereafter Miss White announced she would not change her decision.

**Anti-Labor Stooge**

Harold (Merriam Stooge) Pomeroy later stated he knew nothing of the dismissed worker. Pomeroy is State SRA Director and is well known for his threats made to members of the SRA staff in Sacramento, that he would fire any one discussing social bills coming before the legislature, referring to a vicious relief bill which had the endorsement of the patronage politicians.

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"Her 11 months with us was satisfactory," states Mrs. Appleton, WPA Employment Division

## COMMONWEALTH FEDERATION CLUB IN OROVILLE LISTENS EAGERLY TO C. P. POLICY FOR NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION

By a Worker Correspondent

OROVILLE, Butte County—At the Commonwealth Federation Club recently, a more progressive program was discussed.

Dr. Meiggs was there and we had a discussion of what took place in the Commonwealth Federation convention held recently in Fresno.

Someone had sent him the Western Worker with the editorial pointing out the mistake that was made or was about to be made by nominating a candidate for governor without a united front of other progressive groups.

**Save C. P. Policy**

He was not clear about the policies of the Communist Party on such matters, so I told the members of what course united action of all progressive forces and labor unions, etc., should take—for a state conference to be held with a vote on just who the candidates should be and what would be the policy of the united peoples front.

We had a good gathering, and when Communists speak, one can tell the difference in the action and discipline of the members; they certainly listen with eagerness and, in many instances, support our program.

**Protest Firing of Teacher**

After the meeting I had a short talk with Dr. Meiggs. He said in the course of conversation that we must find our common way together.

**We voted to send a protest resolution to Eureka, where a school teacher (Victor Jewett) was discharged for being friendly to labor.**

Personally, I don't like to boast about our little group's gains too much; but we are gaining—that is what counts, and our influence is growing deeper and deeper every day. All of this gives us more courage and stimulates the incentive to go on and on with our work of organizing for the defense of democracy and peace.

**Hotel Union Officials Are Warned About Assessment**

Director. Resolutions are being sent to every union in the state. Also the Industrial Council is starting a vigorous campaign. Resolutions and letters demanding this worker's reinstatement should be sent to Miss White, SRA Director, Sacramento; Mr. Harold Pomeroy, State SRA Director, San Francisco, and Gov. Merriam, State Capitol, Sacramento.

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**A GIFT PROBLEM?  
SEND THAT SUB**

## WORKER URGES PEOPLE UNITE IN OROVILLE

People's Front Needed to  
Keep Crisis Burden Off  
Backs of the People

By a Worker Correspondent

OROVILLE, Butte County—I would like to have something to say about this depression matter. I agree 100 per cent that this country is heading in the direction of a major depression. Many other people here can also see this depression coming.

In fact, the whole matter is too plain and can be seen by anyone who understands economics. Not just "Butte County economy" as taught up on the hill by our intellectuals on Bridge St. and Orange Ave., but economics based on the reality which appears on an international scale. As all must know who have studied economics our economy cannot be confined to the U.S. alone, but demands international economic dealings.

**More Serious**

The next crisis will have more effect upon the masses than previous ones. Many more millions of workers will be discharged in all industries; farmers will go bankrupt by the wholesale. This will cause a greater speed-up on the jobs, with no increase in pay to the rest of the workers left upon the job.

In time all of these changes in condition will have reflected all down the line among the masses. The professional-intellectuals, small business men and middle class people will help hundreds of thousands of workers and farmers support the burden of the crisis which monopoly capitalism is bringing upon the people in all sections of the country. Many new millions will be added to the relief seeking lists.

**Must Be Alert to Fight Oppression**

This was too much for Cameron, who jumped to his feet and shouted: "Why, that is a lousy paper, it even attacks ME," all the while pointing an accusative finger at the big fat "ME," at which point the delegates all applauded and lustily passed the resolution.

Time after time the delegates insisted that there was no dispute in Eureka, and Vandeleur wailingly insisted that there was and that Eureka was the last council in California which refused to take action and he was being made a laughing stock by the council.

The "organizers" remarked that Crescent City was in quite a mess, which should be quite a surprise to that 100 per cent organized town. What the "organizers" probably meant was that Crescent City union men

run finks out of town before they can split the labor movement there.

**Special-Special Men**

When these "special men" arrive at the yard gate, the hiring bosses take them on first; the hiring bosses get the best of these "special men" by giving them white hiring cards; the preferred men in the "special" bunch in turn give them to the "special-special" men who get on the hiring window and get on the job without standing in the line formed by the local workers.

In many cases the "special men" replace local men who are laid off when this bunch arrives. Still there would have been more or less of a closed shop if these "special" men did not fall for the company anti-union propaganda.

**Need 100% Closed Shop**

The company has so far been able to divide the local and outside workers to the point where the men do not know whether they are going forward or backward in union-building.

These "special" men should get together with local workers and do something to stop all this reactionary trickery and stop the company from getting a 100 per cent union closed shop.

**Can Defeat Fascism**

In this way we can defend our country's democratic traditions from the menace of fascism and monopoly capitalism. By our united efforts we can gain our everyday needs and can hold back war.

**Read the "Western"**

The people of Oroville must read the Western Worker; they must write into the "Western" about their problems. I am positive that by becoming a regular Western Worker reader people will get an understanding about what is actually taking place throughout the world which is of vital interest to all of the masses.

And if anyone should have

some question to ask I am sure

that the Western Worker staff

could furnish the correct answer.

And remember—the Daily Peo-

ple's World will soon be here!

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## Seeking Victims of Air Raiders



A RESCUE SQUAD digs in the ruins of a school building in Barcelona, Spain, for survivors after an airplane bomb dropped by a fascist pilot had demolished the structure.

## Shipyard Attacks Unionism

Oakland Co. Seeks Open-Shop by Trickery With  
"Special Men"

By a Shipyard Worker

OAKLAND—The Moore Drydock and Shipyard Co. in Oakland has been practising the following anti-union open shop stunt for years:

Whenever there are small jobs, the local workers who have seniority rights in the yards go to work,

# A SPECIAL PAGE OF TRADE UNION NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATURES

CIO creates unity in furniture industry—Hail L. A. victory against anti-picketing injunctions—San Diego AFL active in organizing boycott of Japanese goods—U. S. labor raises funds to aid Spanish democracy—Other labor news on regular news pages.

## Charge Lundeberg Permits 'Dumpings' in SU Meetings

### Termed Anti-CIO Tactics

Article Cites Beatings of Rank and File for Stating Opinions

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The charge that Harry Lundeberg, Sailors Union of the Pacific secretary is permitting sailors to be beaten up on the union floor for expressing criticisms of the SUP leadership, as part of his fight against the CIO and national seamen's unity, was made in the leading article in the last issue of *The Maritime Worker*, organ of the Waterfront Section, Communist Party.

Headed "Free Speech in the SUP," the article stated:

#### Lundeberg Himself

"If you have a different opinion than the Lundeberg clique in the SUP, it means that you get dumped if you dare voice it."

"Lundeberg himself, several months ago, rushed down the aisle and attempted to knock a rank and file seaman down with his fists during a meeting for expressing his opinions. Seeing how the meeting reacted, he hastily apologized."

"Next came Cates (SUP patrman) who dumped a seaman for criticizing his red-baiting tactics."

#### Kicked and Beaten

"Last meeting a brother who, when accused of calling Lundeberg a phony, went to the mike to deny it was brutally beaten while attempting to speak. This also happened during the meeting, but not only was the brother beaten on the floor but dragged out of the meeting and further kicked and beaten outside by three seamen."

"Force and violence is the last act put on by the phonies before the curtain rings down on them. This is not a new trick among the seamen as Scharrenberg was a past master at it, and many seamen will remember the time Scharrenberg, not being able to control a meeting years ago, put in a riot call and after the cops beat up half the meeting, he expelled the entire group without a trial."

#### Rank and File Will Act

"The rank and file in the SUP will become aroused at such tactics and no amount of terror can keep them from expressing their opinion."

The actions now going on in the SUP meetings are a disgrace to the entire Maritime Federation of the Pacific. Anytime a rank and file controlled union allows men to be beaten on the floor of the union for expressing their opinion, then something is wrong.

"Why does Lundeberg allow this terror to continue on in the meetings? Is this his only way of keeping control, or is he carrying on the policies of Paul Scharrenberg?"

#### Lundeberg Responsible

"The beatings in the SUP meetings must stop quick! The rank and file will not stand by and watch men beaten by these phonies. Lundeberg is personally responsible for this and must be held to blame if it continues on."

Lundeberg is trying to block CIO affiliation in the current referendum, and is advocating "independent" status, which *The Maritime Worker* has branded as "the back door to the AFL."

**CIO Plans Glass Industry Drive**

**COLUMBUS, O.**—Organization of 126,000 potential members into the Federation of Flat Glass Workers, CIO, will be the goal of the newly-created Glass Workers Organizing Committee, announced W. W. Fuller, provisional president of the union.

The GWOC would not involve the craft unions in the industry, bottle blowers and window glass cutters, said Fuller.

**Unions Sign Contracts With S. F. Dairy Lunch**

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The closed shop and wage increases were won by 500 employees of the Foster's Dairy Lunch here, in contracts concluded last week. All contracts were signed except for the culinary unions, by the nine AFL unions on strike for four months. The culinary unions received a 40-hour week, and shorter hours were also won by the other unions.

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### UNITY FORGED IN FURNITURE FIELD BY CIO

**Point of Order**  
*A Trade Union Column*  
By JOHN BROMAN

RECENTLY the "Western" carried a story interviewing Ben Cheveraus, president, and Maurice Travis, financial secretary, of Steel Workers Lodge 1440, Pittsburg, on layoffs by the Columbia Steel Mills there.

Shortly thereafter General Superintendent Cohn of Columbia Steel cornered a member of the union and told him: "Look here, you better tell your union officials to quit giving that stuff to that Communist paper, and you'd better kick them out of your union."

Unintimidated, the steel worker replied: "Say, what are you doing reading a Communist paper? And if it weren't for the Communists, where would you Jews be?"

Mr. Cohn was stupefied.

The steel workers in Contra Costa County are a militant bunch, and they know that the Communist Party has been in the front ranks combating anti-Semitism. The Party has a lot of prestige among them.

#### Name to a Number

**COLUMBIA** has changed the workers' names to numbers for the payroll, the union reports. Formerly, the payroll was called off with a number AND a name, but now the names have been eliminated.

Steel workers declare that the company may have "changed their names for numbers," as per the old time song about prison life, but that their union will see to it that any other prison stut is taboo.

#### Layoff Threat

**PITTSBURG** workers are facing a serious situation in regard to layoffs. They are back to work, most of them, for several weeks before Christmas but the plant officials told them that unless they received "substantial orders" before January 1 the mills would close down entirely.

It is rumored that Columbia has plenty of work for these mills, but is deliberately sabotaging it to fulfill those orders.

The union is cooperating with the Workers' Alliance to secure immediate relief for all of their members who get laid off, and are helping the unemployed not now organized to form an Alliance local in Pittsburgh.

The committee was also empowered to act toward ending the "jurisdictional boycott" levied by AFL officials against CIO-produced lumber, and to work out a program of unity, in order to present solid front against the employers when new contracts are drawn next March 1.

#### AFL Members Spoke

Showing the strong sentiment for unity in the woodworking industry, a number of AFL members were among the fraternal delegates, and several of them took the floor to speak for unity.

In his keynote report, President Harold Pritchett showed the growth of the union since it affiliated to the CIO four months ago, stating that the IWA now has 100,000 members and has issued 20 local charters and nine district council charters.

**New Type Picket Ban Put Over in Huntington Park**

**HUNTINGTON PARK, LOS ANGELES**—Handed on a nice shiny silver platter to local employers, an innovation in anti-picketing ordinances was passed by the City Council.

Under the ordinance as adopted, unions striking against local business men will be allowed to use only resident members on picket lines.

**Unionists to Debate Collegians on NLRB**

**LOS ANGELES**—Local and trade unionists will debate the subject, "Resolved: That the National Labor Relations Board be empowered to enforce arbitration in all labor disputes," on Sunday, December 12, 7:30 p.m. at Grace Methodist Church, 200 North St. Louis St.

Roy Woolsey and Frances Burnstein, of the UCLA debating team will argue the affirmative against Hal Thorpe and Frances Collins, of the United Office & Professional Workers of America, Local 9.

The question will be debated again at the Richter Cafeteria, 325 West 3rd St., on January 1, 7:30 p.m., when the same college team meets up with Jerry Steep, Office Workers' Union, and C. H. Garrigues, Newspaper Guild.

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### HAIL VICTORY OF L. A. LABOR ON PICKETING

**Communist Party Leader Calls for Fight Against Injunction Judges**

**Los Angeles**—Labor's victory in the recent decision of Superior Judge Burnell upholding labor's right to picket and scoring injunctions against picketing, was hailed in a statement issued by Lou Baron, head of the Communist Party trade union commission here. Baron declared:

"The Communist Party regards the recent decision of Judge Charles S. Burnell as a real indication of how far labor can get when it puts up an energetic fight."

**Protest Got Results**

"The recent protest of the CIO Industrial Council against the vicious illegal decisions of Judge Emmet Wilson undoubtedly forced the Superior Court department to change its stand on matters of restraining injunctions."

**The Victory of Labor in Los Angeles**—The victory of labor in Los Angeles must be followed up by a united campaign of both AFL and CIO unions against those injunctions issued and against their authors, Judges Wilson and Ruben Schmidt."

### CIO STATE BODY OF 10,000 MEMBERS IS ORGANIZED IN UTAH

### Smelter Union and United Mine Workers Lead in Industrial Council

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**—Representing more than 10,000 members, union delegates organized the Utah Industrial Union Council at a recent convention here, and adopted a program for a permanent organization.

The Int'l. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, largest union in the state, sent representatives from 18 locals with 5500 members, and the United Mine Workers sent delegates from 20 locals with nearly 3000 membership.

Miscellaneous unions included locals in the oil, steel and iron, brick and tile, ice and refrigeration, brewery, and sheep shearing industries.

James Morgan, CIO regional director, was chosen acting president and E. M. Royle, MM&SW, secretary, as acting secretary-treasurer, pending another convention next April to elect permanent officers.

#### Please, Mr. Byington!

**BERLIN**—An article by John Gunther, "This Peace is a Cheat," in which the foreign policies of Germany, Italy and Japan are discussed, caused the banning in Germany of the Nov. 27 issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

He was referring to the huge mass meeting of 12,000 for Tom Mooney. The speakers included Gov. Benson of Minnesota, a minister, Harry Bridges, Sheriff Murphy, another AFL speaker, AND President Jack Shelley of the AFL Central Labor Council.

Can't you see Sheriff Murphy saying: "Mr. Byington, how

could you?"

### SATURDAY EVENING POST

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**PORTLAND**—We had a party for the Daily "Western" drive here in South East Portland. An able speaker outlined the need of a "Western Daily," a fine lunch was served, and we took in \$7.50 for the drive.

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